

The decision by Sinclair Broadcasting to insist that their stations broadcast their anti-Kerry film "Stolen Honor" just prior to the election is a blatant example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair has access to our public airwaves without having to pay for that access, and they are obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when enormous conglomerate corporations have control of our airwaves, we only get that which serves the conglomerate's bottom line and none of that which serves our democracy. Sinclair is foisting on their viewing public a heavily slanted piece of propaganda, at a time when it is vital that the public have access to real information and real substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not dilute them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you for considering my viewpoint.